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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 3305–3329; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 72; H. Con. Res. 303–304, and H. Res. 400, 402, 403, 404, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H9614–15

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows today:

H.R. 3214, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, amended, (H. Rept. 108–321, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 401, providing for further consideration of H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–322).

Pages H9612–13

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dr. Benny Tate, Rock Springs Congregational Methodist Church in Milner, Georgia.

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International Contributions to the Reconstruction of Iraq: The House agreed to H. Res. 198, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that France, Germany, and Russia can initially best contribute to the reconstruction of Iraq by the forgiveness of outstanding debt between both Iraq and France, Iraq and Germany, and Iraq and Russia, by a yea-and-nay vote of 394 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 545.

Pages H9489–91, H9508–09

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute by voice vote.

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Agreed to amend the preamble by a voice vote.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read, “Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that France, Germany, Russia, and other nations can contribute to Iraq’s reconstruction by forgiving debts owed by Iraq to those nations and by making generous pledges for Iraq’s reconstruction at the International Conference on Reconstruction in Iraq to be held in Madrid.”

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Privileged Resolution: Representative McDermott offered a privileged resolution to correct the Congressional Record of January 28, 2003.

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House concluded debate on the subject of a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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The House then began consideration of H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Further consideration of the bill will resume on Friday, October 17.

Pages H9530–83, H9585–H9606

Agreed to:

Young of Florida amendment that exempts servicemembers with combat-related injuries from the requirement of paying for subsistence charges while hospitalized;

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Maloney amendment that requires \$20 million of the Economic Support Fund be used for programs for women and girls in Afghanistan;

Pages H9593–94

Slaughter amendment that requires executive agencies to provide specific information to Congress when an agency awards a “no-bid” contract using funds from the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund; and

Pages H9594–95

Kirk amendment that allows non-competitive contracts to be reported to Congress seven days after the contract has been awarded in some circumstances (by a recorded vote of 405 ayes to 20 noes, Roll No. 549).

Pages H9588–89, H9602

Rejected:

Obe amendment that would have required that funds provided for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund be given as loans (by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 546);

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Obe amendment that would have provided funds for quality of life enhancements for U.S. servicemembers (by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 547);

Pages H9562–65, H9582–83

Goode amendment that would have eliminated funding for the U.S. share of U.N. peacekeeping operations in Liberia and for international disaster and famine assistance in Liberia and Sudan;

Pages H9590–91

Blumenauer amendment that would have transferred funds from the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund to rebuilding and assistance efforts in Afghanistan;

Pages H9599–H9600

Waxman amendment that would have reduced funding for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 548);

Pages H9586–88, H9601–02

Markey amendment that would have struck certain provisions that would allow the Secretary of Defense to transfer funds (by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 279 noes, Roll No. 550);

Pages H9591–92, H9602–03

Holt amendment that would have eliminated funding to import petroleum products into Iraq (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 551); and

Pages H9592–93, H9603–04

Loretta Sanchez amendment that would have struck the wording “or the Global War on Terrorism” from page 23 line 13 of the bill (by a recorded vote of 128 ayes to 295 noes, Roll No. 552).

Pages H9600–01, H9604

Withdrawn:

Shadegg amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of October 15) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund.

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Point of order sustained against:

Obe amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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Pence amendment (No. 33 printed in the Congressional Record of October 15) that sought to re-

quire that 50% of the total funds be made as a grant and 50% be made as a loan after the President informs Congress that a democratically elected government has been established in Iraq;

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Filner amendment that sought to eliminate the disabled veterans tax; and

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Spratt amendment that sought to increase pay and benefits for active and reserve military personnel.

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Agreed by unanimous consent to consider certain amendments before the consideration of other amendments for 10 minutes each, that such amendments shall not be subject to amendment, shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or the Committee on the Whole, and may amend a portion of the bill not yet read (except amendments proposing to transfer appropriations among objects in the bill must conform to clause 2(f) of rule 21).

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Agreed by unanimous consent to limit the time allowed for debate on certain amendments.

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Agreed by unanimous consent to consider certain amendments offered on the bill before consideration of other amendments.

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H. Res. 396, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 202 nays with one voting “present”, Roll No. 544.

Pages H9491–H9508

Recess: The House recessed at 11:55 p.m. and reconvened at 1:01 a.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9485.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H9615–17.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

MAXIMIZE FARM AND RANCH INCOME

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to examine new generation cooperatives and strategies to maximize farm and ranch income. Testimony was heard from Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; Douglas Flory, member of the Board, Farm Credit Administration; and public witnesses.